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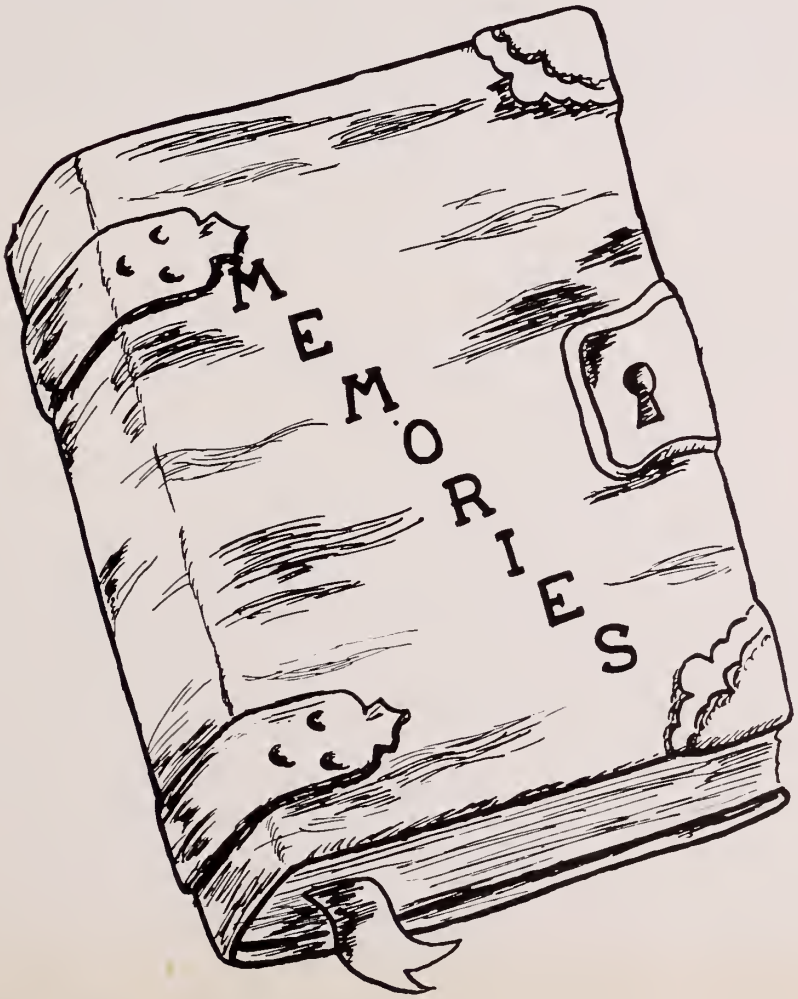

RADFORD HIGH SCHOOL

RADFORD, VIRGINIA

FOREWORD

Readers!! Why do we have an annual? What do you look for as you thumb through the pages of your Oak Leaf? . . . . . We think that you want something which will encourage you to reminisce in years to come — to recall vividly the events that made your high school days ones you want to remember. We have attempted to bring to your mind the personalities, the leaders, the followers, the precious moments that have made this year at R.H.S. a wonderful one.

Treasure these MEMORIES . . . . . for they will be the most pleasant ones you shall ever have.

DEDICATION

"Some heroes go unsung . . . . . except in the hearts of their fellowmen."

To us, this bit of poetry brings back fondest memories of one, who, in his own quiet manner, has woven his way into the hearts and minds of all who know him at R.H.S. His guidance, his interest in his students, his bits of wit when the occasion arises, and his never-ending perseverance are characteristics of a man who is high on our list of fond memories. In recognition of these outstanding traits, we respectfully dedicate the 1954-1955 edition of THE OAK LEAF TO . . . . . .

MR. R. FRANK MORGAN

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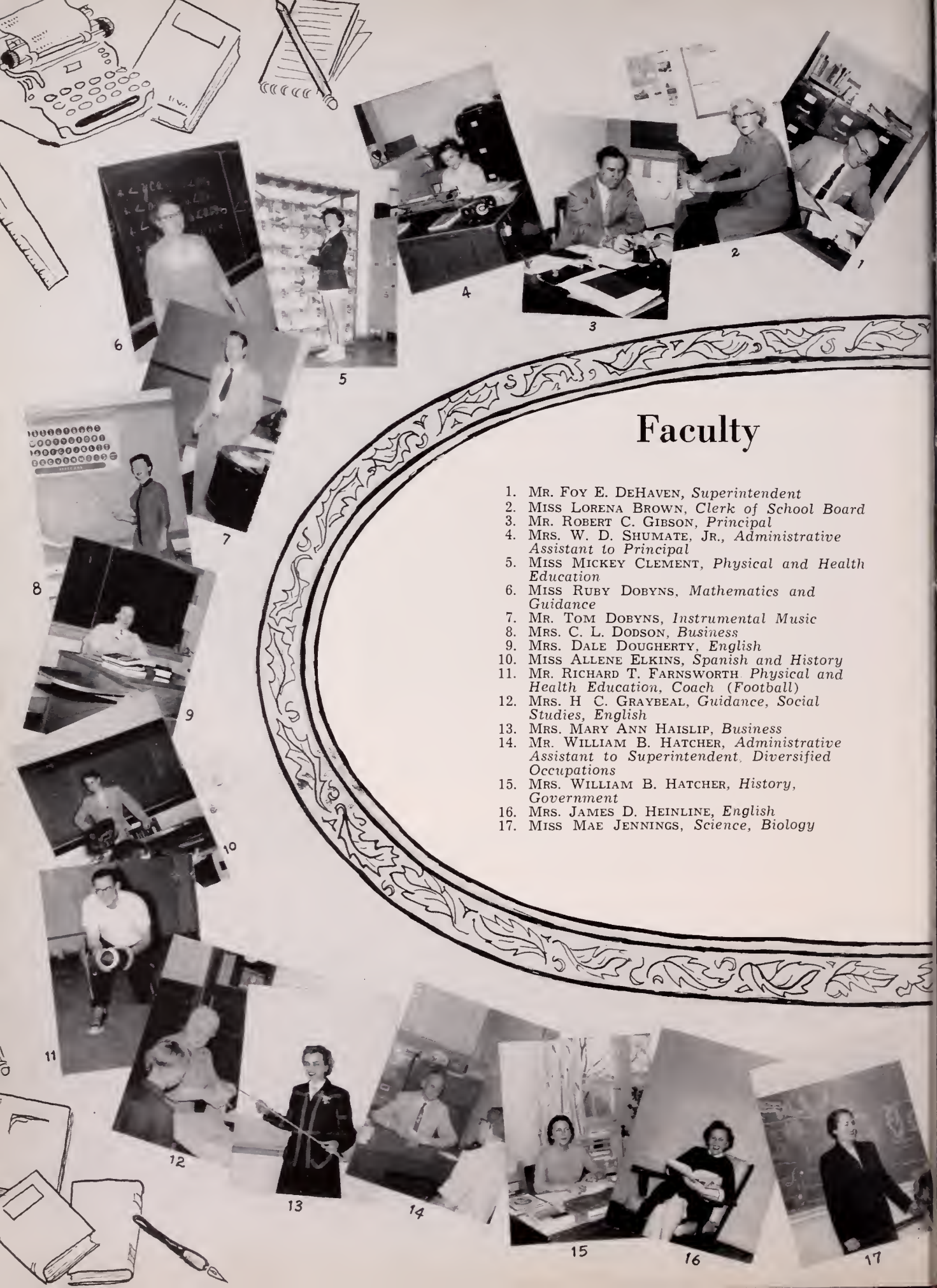


Faculty

1. Mr. Foy E. DeHaven, *Superintendent*
2. Miss Lorena Brown, *Clerk of School Board*
3. Mr. Robert C. Gibson, *Principal*
4. Mrs. W. D. Shumate, Jr., *Administrative Assistant to Principal*
5. Miss Mickey Clement, *Physical and Health Education*
6. Miss Ruby Dobyns, *Mathematics and Guidance*
7. Mr. Tom Dobyns, *Instrumental Music*
8. Mrs. C. L. Dodson, *Business*
9. Mrs. Dale Dougherty, *English*
10. Miss Allene Elkins, *Spanish and History*
11. Mr. Richard T. Farnsworth, *Physical and Health Education, Coach (Football)*
12. Mrs. H. C. Graybeal, *Guidance, Social Studies, English*
13. Mrs. Mary Ann Haislip, *Business*
14. Mr. William B. Hatcher, *Administrative Assistant to Superintendent, Diversified Occupations*
15. Mrs. William B. Hatcher, *History, Government*
16. Mrs. James D. Heinline, *English*
17. Miss Mae Jennings, *Science, Biology*

Faculty

18. Miss Beth Jordan, *Home Economics*
19. Mr. Lawrence Luzenski, *Industrial Arts*
20. Mrs. E. W. McGahey, *Geography, English*
21. Mrs. C. F. McKay, Jr., *Social Studies, Oral English, Guidance*
22. Mrs. John Meade, *Social Studies, Mathematics*
23. Mrs. Frank B. Meador, *Latin, French*
24. Mr. R. Frank Morgan, *Science, Chemistry, Physics*
25. Mrs. Mary Alice Newberry, *Vocal Music*
26. Mr. Jimmy Painter, *Science, Coach (Football, J.V. Basketball)*
27. Miss Juanita Phillips, *Librarian*
28. Mr. G. Carlyle Roberson, *Mathematics, Drivers' Training, Coach (Basketball)*
29. Miss Kitty Rogers, *English, Physical and Health Education*
30. Miss Farah Rust, *Home Economics*
31. Mrs. Lawrence Wade, *English, Guidance*
32. Mrs. Gernon Wall, *Mathematics, Guidance*
33. Mrs. Garland Wilson, *English*

WE HONOR

In honor of ONE

. . . . . who has seen many enter the Radford High School family and has paved the way for their graduation!

. . . . . who has been an active and necessary member of our faculty for many years!

. . . . . whose importance to us has especially been realized this year in her absence!

Thus, it is with deep sincerity and highest regard that we honor . . . . . .

MISS ETHEL ROBERTS

Memories

CLASSES

Jimmy Graham
PRESIDENT

Charles R. Duncan Jr.
VICE-PRESIDENT

Nora Strawn
SECRETARY

Danny Gillert
TREASURER

Dale Adkins

Nancy Louise Ails

Remembering

Eleanor Bess

Janice Bess

Jim Donald Bishop

Lloyd Bowman

Robert M. Caldwell

John F. Charlton

Edward Whitman Davis

Minnie Lee Dean

Edna Dobbins

The Class of '55

James Dobbins

Lois Esther Duncan

Bill Franklin

Shelby Gibson

Anna Elizabeth Goodwin

Joanna Hackman

Betty Jo Hailip

Donna Faye Hale

Nancy Hamby

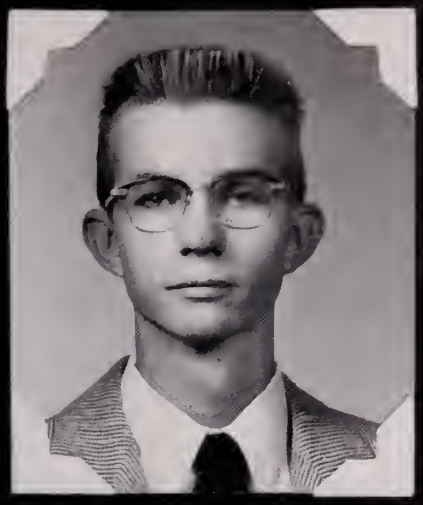
Remembering

Emmett Harris

Kenneth Harris

Shirley Hartsock

Howard Hill



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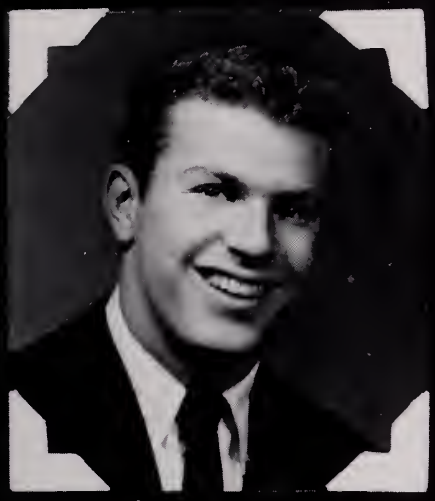
Shirley Ann Hollins

Willard Jones



William King

Shelby Jean Kinkous

The Class of '55

Lois Louise Lorton

William McCraw

Ronald McDaniel

Richard Noel McGuire

Hubert Matney

Jacque Meadows

Helen Grey Midkiff

James Miles

John Miles

Remembering

Bonnie Montgomery

James Morrow

Julie Mundie

Virginia C. Pelter

Ann Reese

Ann Roane

Phillip Solyes

Raymond Shelburne

Shelby Showalter

The Class of '55

Bettie Sue Siler

Mary Stafford

Alice Jean Stinnivant

Phoebe Jane Sturdivant

Patricia Surrett

Charles Thornton

Euna Odell Vicars

Bonnie Ann Walker

Carl Whitt

The Class of '55

Molly Jo Whitt

Constance Wilson

Laurence Wood

MOST LIKELY TO SUCCEED
BETTY SUE SILER
CHARLES DUNCAN

MOST POPULAR
MINNIE LEE DEAN
PHILLIP SALYER

BEST LOOKING
BONNIE WALKER
BILL KING

WITTIEST
ESTHER DUNCAN
RAYMOND SHELBURNE

NEATEST
NORA STRAWN
JAMES DOBBINS

QUIETEST
EUNA VIARS
KENNETH HARRIS

Senior Celebrities

"TOO LAZY
TO POSE"

LAZIEST
VIRGINIA PELTER
BILL MORROW

MOST DEPENDABLE
MINNIE LEE DEAN
JAMES GRAHAM

MOST TALENTED
CONNIE WILSON
DON HODGES

Our Five-Year Diary

1950-1951 Dear Diary . . . . . .

As we open our diary to the first page, we write: September, 1950 — we are entering R.H.S. to begin a new period in the never-ending road to a successful life. We hope to fill these days with enriching experiences which we can relive in our memories. Bobby Caldwell has been elected to lead us through a momentous year. Some of our girls have been initiated into the G.A.A. We'll never forget our first Sadie Hawkins Day with the foot race and the square dance!

1951-1952 Dear Diary . . . . . .

As freshmen, we are becoming better adjusted and are assuming our roles as "certified citizens" of Radford High School. Joe Hearne is our President. As we join the various clubs, we are beginning to feel that we are more a part of high school life. Our Bobcats, the District Champions, stand high on our list of memories for '52.

1952-1953 Dear Diary . . . . . .

We are at the middle of our high school careers and are really beginning to participate in activities that will be a major part of our memories. We chose Phil Salyer as our leader for this year. Some of our boys have started playing varsity sports, and Bonnie and Dale are serving as cheerleaders.

1953-1954 Dear Diary . . . . . .

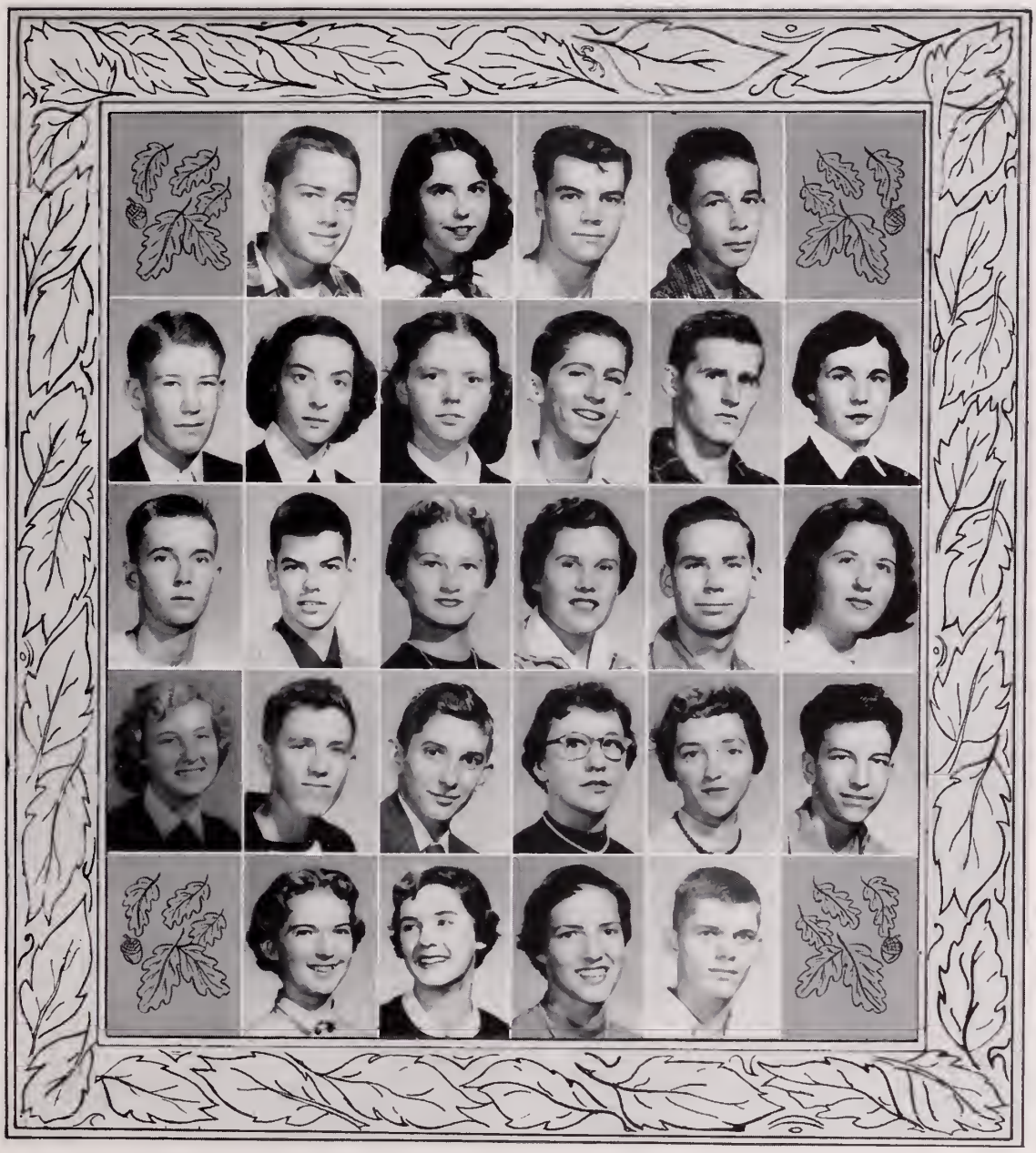
Mr. Gibson, Mr. Farnsworth, Mr. Painter, and Mrs. Dodson are new members of our faculty. In football, our 'Cats now have a 6-3-1 record. Esther, Connie, and Virginia have joined the cheerleading squad. Bettie Sue, Joanna, Nora, and Phil became Betas. Our Bobcat basketball team went to the District Tournament. We eagerly began whispering of prom plans. We worked in secrecy for months on the best of all proms, "April in Paris." The shops, the cafes, the Eiffel Tower, and the Arch of Triumph were beautiful; and the evening became one of our most joyful memories. Raymond led us through our happy Junior year.

1954-1955 Dear Diary . . . . . .

Seniors, at last! As we begin our last year, Phil is presiding as President of the S.C.A., and Jimmy is our class president. The experiences of Boys and Girls States are still fresh in the minds of the twenty-five of us who represented R.H.S. Bonnie was elected Governor of Virginia Girls State, and she and Bettie Sue attended Girls Nation in Washington, D. C. Our class rings have finally arrived, and we are quite proud of them. We have cheered until we are hoarse as our football team under King and Quesenberry made an almost perfect record of nine wins, no losses, and one tie. Dale and Whit reigned as Queen and King of our Homecoming festivities. The White Christmas program has given us a warm feeling, and the Christmas Pageant with Minnie Dean and James Miles as Mary and Joseph was inspiring. Our classmates are reaping many honors: Bill Franklin, Charles Duncan, and Danny Gilbert attended All-State Band; Connie Wilson, All-State Chorus; and Joanna Hackman won honorable mention in the Westinghouse Science Talent Search. Play practices took many weary hours but the final presentation justifies it — and the fun we had! Our curiosity nearly killed us until Prom night — it was really out of this world — a true Arabian Night! With the coming of the beautiful spring days on the hill, we have become aware of the sorrows of leaving. Yet we have ordered our invitations, our calling cards, and our caps and gowns. We have listened attentively to the Baccalaureate Address, and for the last time as seniors we have marched solemnly down the aisle to receive our coveted diplomas. Now, we realize that our years "on the hill" have been memorable ones. Our happy and sad moments here at R.H.S. will be reflected in future years through our MEMORIES of 1954-55.

Class Of '56

President ..... Bob Graham
Vice-President ..... Sonny Quesenberry
Secretary ..... Joie Lee Young
Treasurer ..... Barbara DeHart



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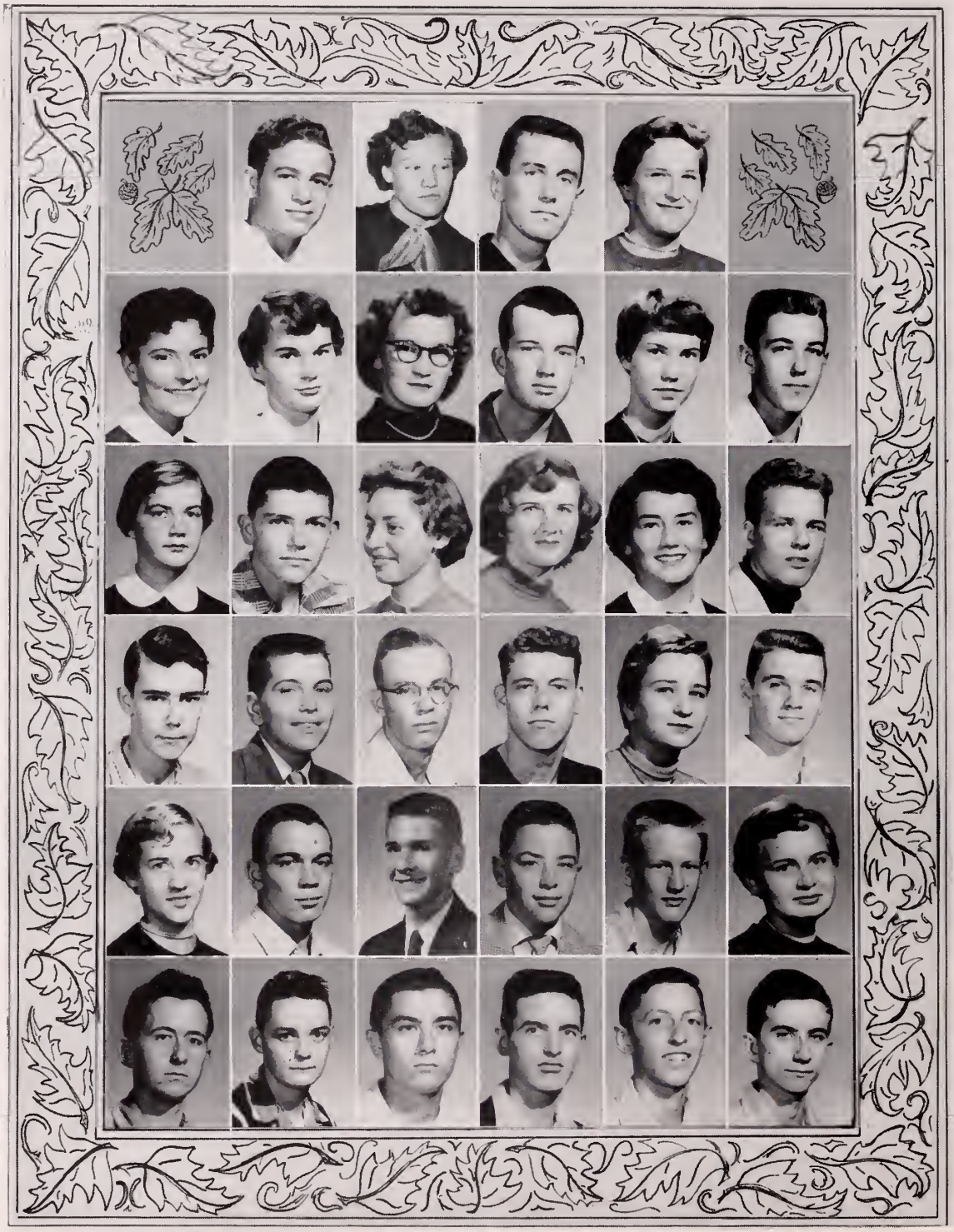
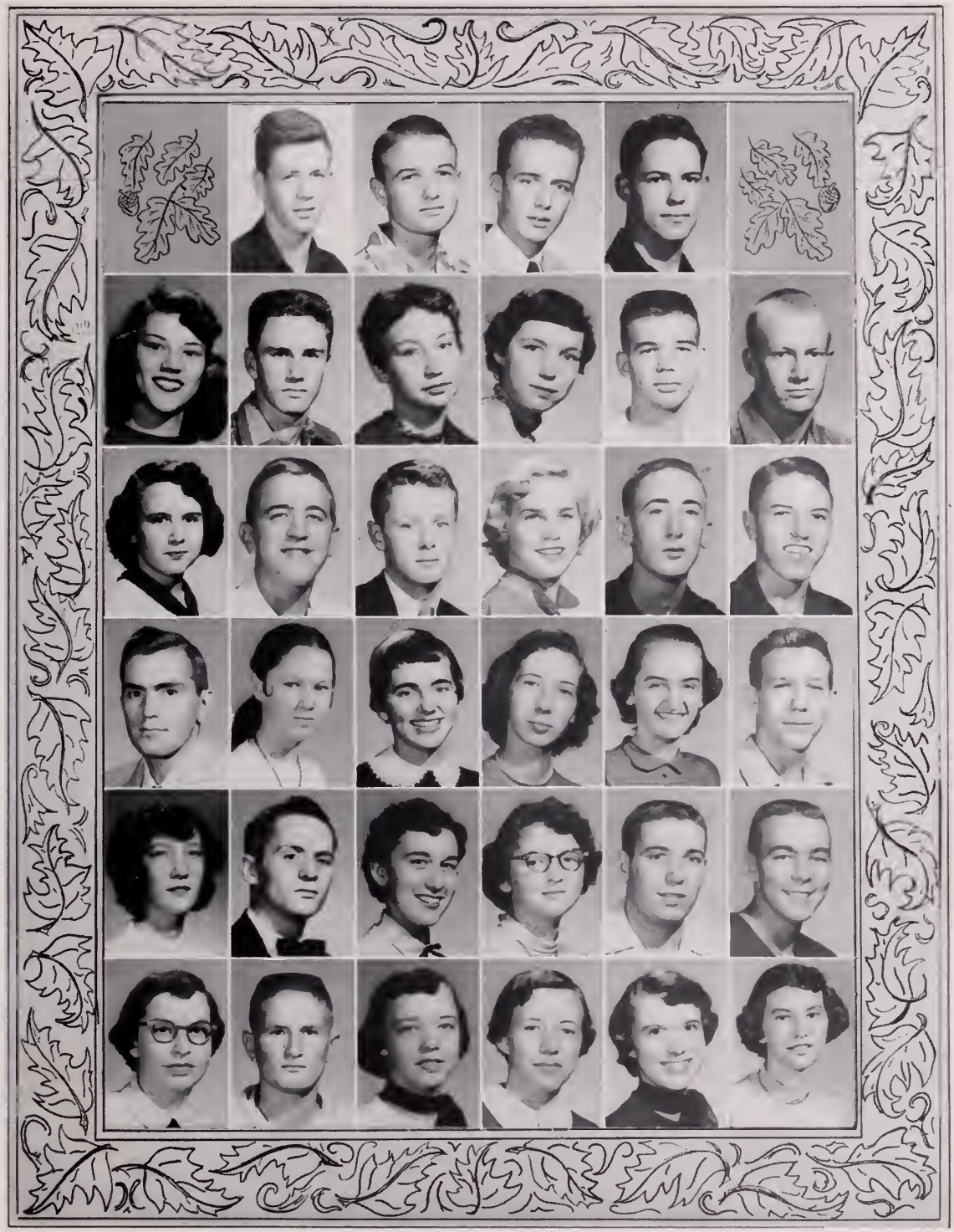
Second Row: James Blankenship, Rita Bond, Frances Brewer, Andy Brinkley, Johnny Browning, Dotty Buckland.
Third Row: Wade Burleson, Robin Caldwell, Rita Campbell, Ann Clark, Leonard Cockran, Peggy Cochran.
Fourth Row: Wanda Cochran, Luther Conner, Eddie Cord, Jackie Crawford, Betty Davis, Donald Davis.
Fifth Row: Barbara DeHart, Carolyn DeHaven, Ann Disney, Keith Denny.

Class Of '56



First Row: Billy Dobbins, Jody Dobbins, Bobby Dudley, Jerry Duncan.
Second Row: Betty Lou Farmer, Elizabeth Farmer, Rachel Flinchum, James Foster, Betty Sue Fox, Bobby Graham.
Third Row: Carolyn Gunter, Buck Hagy, Kay Hall, Darlene Hamblin, Ruth Hammack, James Harless.
Fourth Row: Bobby Harris, Billy Hearington, Charles Helvey, Kenneth Hite, Mary Sue Hodges, Sonny Hoover.
Fifth Row: Susanne Jett, Johnny Jones, Sanford Jones, Billy Jordan, Tommy Kent, Doris Kesling.
Sixth Row: Billy Joe Kiser, Buddy Kiser, Ronnie Lawson, Fred Leedy, Larry Long, William Long.

Class Of '56



First Row: Terry McCraw, James McGuire, Rudolph McPeake, Noel Mitchell.

Second Row: Neva Morgan. James Morrison, Nancy Murdock, Linda Neal, Hubert Perdue, Sonny Quesenberry.

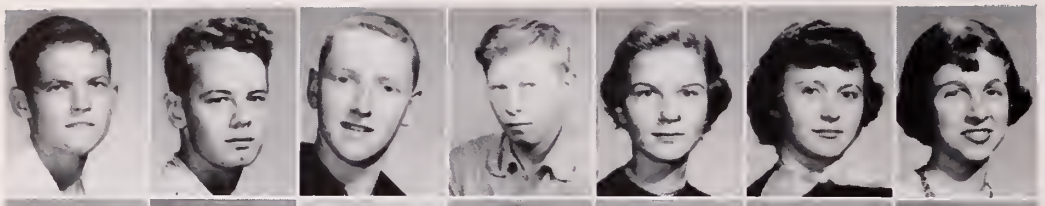
Third Row: Idell Ratcliffe, Benny Ridpath, Michael Ripley, Lois Showalter, John Robert Simpkins, Willie Sowers.

Fourth Row: Harold Speed, Doris Spencer, Nancy Tynes St. Clair, Betty Stewart, Joan Sullivan, Everett Sutphin.

Fifth Row: Phyllis Sutphin, Franklin Thomas, Betty Thompson, Doris Thompson, Albert Tolley, Bill Wall.

Sixth Row: Bette Williams, Steve Winesett, Mary Bob Wirt, Kate Woods, Joyce Yearout, Joie Lee Young.

Class Of '57



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Jackie Altizer
Judy Anfin
Jo Anne Arnold
Jean Arthur

Bobby Asbury
Terry Bain
Yvonne Baker
Betty Bess
James Blanks
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H. C. Branscom

Darrell Brookman
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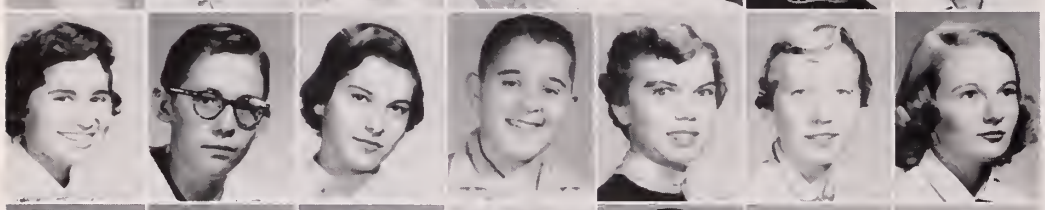
Larry Buchanan
Lillian Bugg
Frances Carroll
Herman Caves



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William Gene Conrad
Carol Copko
Roger Copko
Judy Corder
Johanna Craig
Peggy Dean

Charlotte DeHart
Carol Dexter
Elizabeth Ferrell
Mary Fortune
Frances Franklin
Buddy Frye
Jimmy Frye

Richard Gibson
Frank Grayson
Mary Hite Grayson
Judy Hall
Doug Hamblin
Betty Hartless
Georgia Hawley

Gene Hilliard
Betty Hollandsworth
Carol Holliday
Carolene Holliday
James Holliday
Carol Horton
Nancy Horton

Spud Howell
Carol Huddle
Jane Hudnall
Glenda Hull
Patsy Jarrett
Danny Jett
Kay Jones
Norman Jones

Class Of '57

Douglas Keller
Jerry Kincer
Frankie Lawrence
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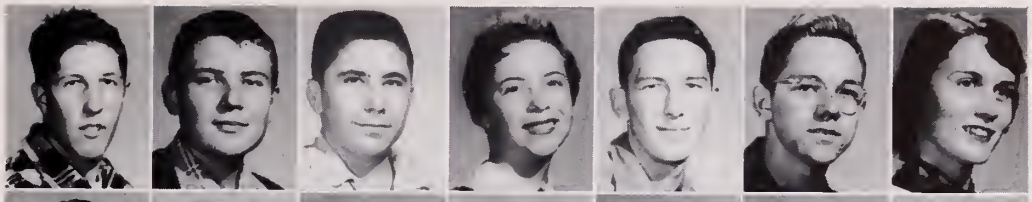
Russell Mantz
Joyce Matthews



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Shirley Pillars
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John Ripley
Gerald Roberts
Patrick Rollins

Carl Roseberry
Shirley Ross
Mickey Runion
Nancy Saul
Isabelle Sawyers
Lewis Semones
Buford Shumate

Dot Siler
Gayle Simpson
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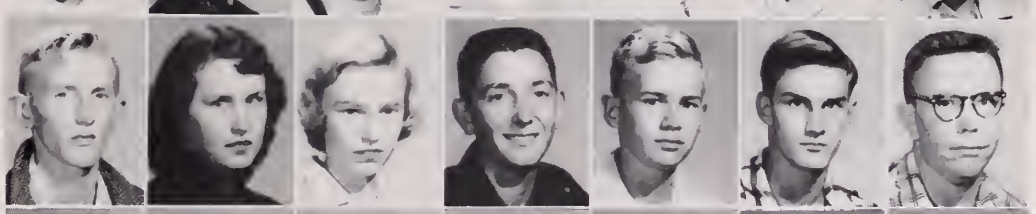

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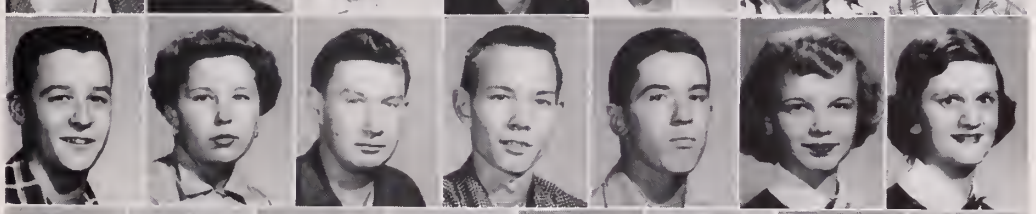

Dewey Weaver
Donald Wheeler
Douglas Whitt
John A. Williams
Tommy Wilson
Beth Woods
Alice Young
Clarice Young

Class Of '58

Wilda Albert
Posie Amos
Jean Arthur
Phyllis Bennett
Patty Bird
Flora Mae Bishop
Thomas Blevins

Jerry Bond
Grey Bowles
Phyllis Boyd
Hazel Brooks
Betty Broyles
Bill Bugg
Jerry Burleson

Sonna Carpenter
Tommy Cochran
Mary Lynn Conner
Johnny Cord
Bobby Cox
Peggy Crabtree
Darrell Cromer

Patsy Davis
Billy DeHart
Doug DeHart
Bobby Dobbins
Ann Earles
Jimmy Easter
Bobby Farmer

Bonnie Furrow
Bill Gemmill
Gene Gibson
Helen Gibson
Tony Giesen
John Goldsmith
Bobby Graham

Michael Graham
Mac Harkrader
Shirley Harmon
Jimmy High
Don Hilliard
Emmett Hinkley
Roy Hoover

Judith Hornbarger
Ann Hughes
Pat Hurt
Jerry Hutton
Jimmy Johnson
Louis Kent
Barbara Kincer

Emery King
Katherine Lawrence
Sonny Lawton
Jesse Lewis
Lee Liverman
Janet Lovern
Patty Lugar

Nina Lusk
Betty Mannon
Blanche Mannon
Elizabeth Martin
Patsy McCraw
Shirley McCraw
Bobby McDaniel
Judy McKay

Class Of '58

Eddie McPeake
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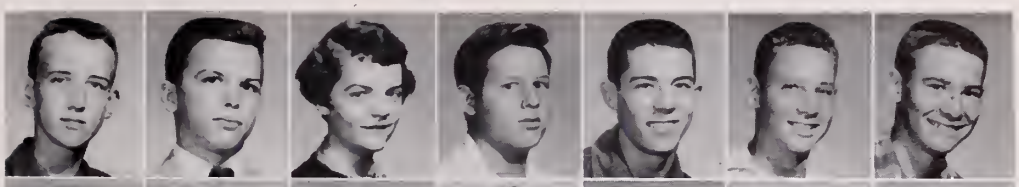
Lester Morgan



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Ray Poff

Vernon Poff
Joan Poole
Charles Pugh
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Bobby Ratcliffe
W. C. Ratcliffe
Lea Roberts

Nina Robertson
Sharon Salyer
Leon Saul
Gracie Scott
Herbert Scott
Sidney Scott
Harriet Shaner

Ed Shanklin
Curtis Shelor
Jimmy Showalter
Martha Shumate
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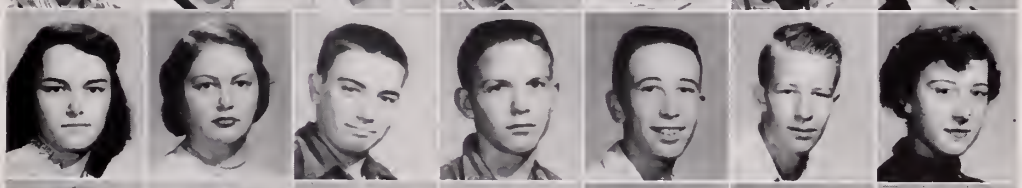
David Thompson
Irene Thompson



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Lewis Turpin
Janet Umberger
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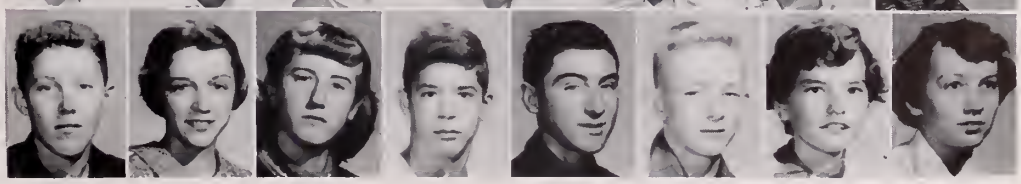
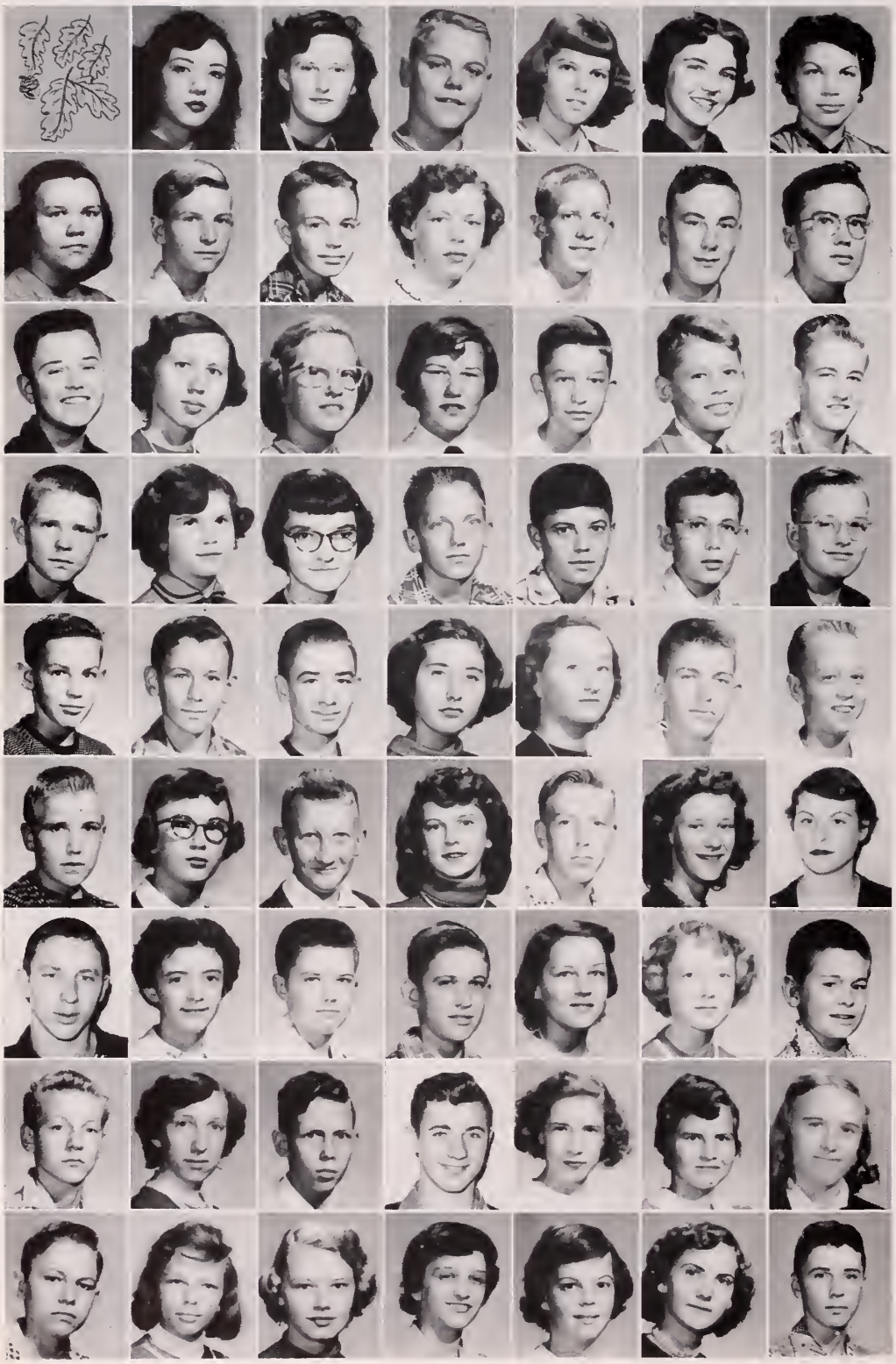
Frankie Young
Ruby Young



Class Of '59



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Linda Barton
Linda Beasley

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Jakie Bess
Jimmy Bird
Emma Blevins
Harry Bond
Danny Bowers
Wayne Bowman

C. P. Brezeale
Mary Sue Brinkley
Wanda Brooks
Patsy Brown
Tony Burgess
Richard Burleson
Charles Burton

David Caves
Nancy Caves
Patty Sue Clarke
Eddie Coates
Haven Cochran
Cole, L. B.
John Ed Conner

Larry Conrad
Jimmy Crews
Guy Cromer
Marie Croslin
Peggy Joyce DeHart
Jimmy Denny
Donald Dobbins

Larry Dobbins
Doris Durman
Charles Epperly
Lois Farmer
Isaac Farris
Judith Foutz
Martha Franklin

Ray Franklin
Rebecca Galloway
Charles Goodwin
Archie Graham
Barbara Hale
Charlotte Hall
Steve Hall

Patrick Hester
Joan Hetherington
Danny Hinkley
Jackie Hodge
Joan Holbrook
Bettie Hollins
Rosa Ann Hollins

Jerry Hopkins
Arlene Hoover
Susan Housel
Jewell Howard
Barbara Howell
Connie Sue Howell
Johnny Hubble

Class Of '59

Gene Hull
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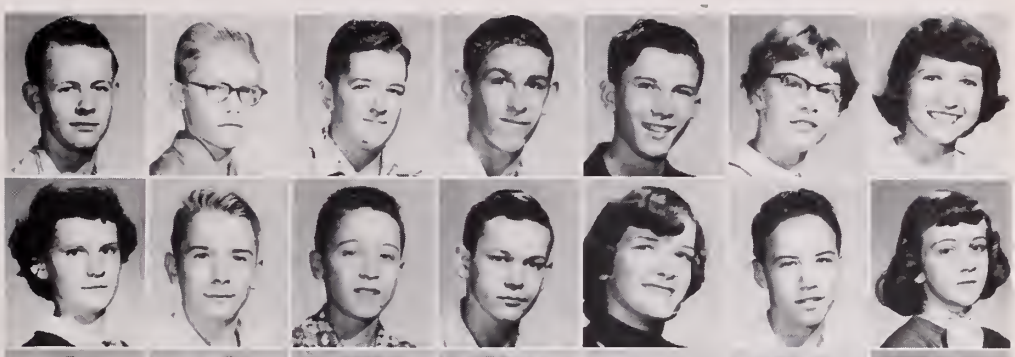
Mary Curtis Lewis



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Ronnie Meadows
Bobby Meredith
Barbara Miles

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Max Mottesheard
Wayne Mostiler
Bonnie Sue Neal
Reggie Nofsinger
Billy Overbey
Mike Perdue

Barbara Pillars
Evelyn Poole
Jimmy Presgraves
Jack Preston
Joe Price
Sammy Price
Diane Pryor

Tracy Quesenberry
Curtis Ratcliffe
Ronnie Roberts
Frankye Robertson
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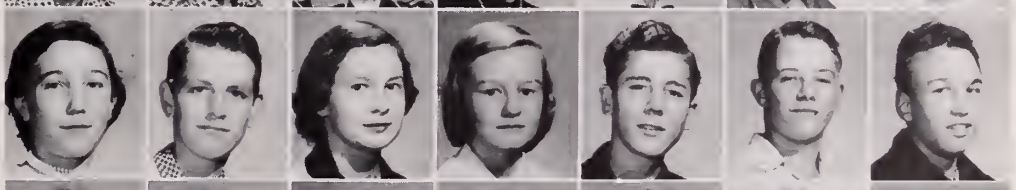

Bonnie Sue Taylor
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Ann Topham
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Douglas Vaughn

Mary Frances Vaughn
Norma Jean Viars
Mary Ann Webb
Betty Wilson
Marshall Wirt
Everett Yearout

We Foresee

We have read from our diary the events that have meant so much to us during our high school days. And now, let us pretend that the year is 1965, and that we are reading again from these memory-filled pages:

Dear Diary . . . . .

I have just returned from an exciting tour of the world, and have seen so many of my former classmates, I can hardly wait to tell you about it.

Before beginning the tour, I managed to do some shopping. While in Macy's of New York, I found that JAMES DOBBINS is the manager and, serving as advisor of the women's exclusive dress department, SHIRLEY HARTSOCK, looking quite sharp in an original creation by EDNA DOBBINS, the well-known dress designer. I also learned that the Men's Fashion Shop of Fifth Avenue is now being operated by RONALD McDANIEL.

The first leg of the journey took me cross-country by plane, with WILLARD JONES as pilot, and JEAN LINKOUS as stewardess. As our plane taxied down the field, I saw the newest model in jets, piloted by Capt. PHILLIP SALYER, with CARL WHITT, the field electronics expert, as his passenger. On the plane, I sat opposite two of my former classmates — Mrs. ARLENE HAMMOND GAKING and Mrs. SHELBY POOLE GIBSON. They and their children were on their way to join their husbands in California. Also on the plane was DANNY GILBERT (returning to Southern Seminary where he is a student of Theology) and ANN ROANE (director of Youth Fellowship at Tennessee Wesleyan College). As I left the plane in San Francisco, I noticed other passengers boarding a plane for Chicago. Among those I saw NANCY ALLS, going to resume her work as Director of the Great Lakes Kindergarten, and SHIRLEY HOLLINS, dining room hostess at the Sun Valley Hotel. Also on their way to Sun Valley, where they are in charge of winter sports, were HELEN MIDKIFF, VIRGINIA PELTER, and WHIT DAVIS.

Before boarding the SS United States, I visited the Los Angeles Memorial Hospital, and was delighted to learn that several of my classmates were on the staff of that world-famous hospital. Included on the directory were: Dr. CHARLES DUNCAN, Chief of Surgeons; Drs. BETTIE SUE SILER and JAMES GRAHAM, Associates in the Pediatrics Clinic; Drs. BILL KING and BILL MORROW, Psychiatrists; Nurses LOIS LORTON, JACQUE MEADOWS, DALE ADKINS, and PAT SURRETT; Dietitians ESTHER DUNCAN and NANCY HAMBY; Head of Scientific Research, JOANNA HACKMAN; Accountant, EUNA VIERS; and Business Manager, JIM BISHOP.

After I was comfortably settled in my cabin, I picked up the New York Times and discovered that it was now being edited by HOWARD HILL and that two of his star reporters were HUBERT MATNEY and RICHARD McGUIRE.

Among my fellow passengers on the ship were: BOB CALDWELL, U. S. Government Expert on Foreign Agricultural Aid; LLOYD BOWMAN, on a business trip for his Automotive Supply Company; ELEANOR BESS, Librarian for the Library of Congress; BETTY JO HAISLIP, organizer of Foreign Student Council Associations; MINNIE LEE DEAN, foreign exchange teacher; JAMES MILES, Industrial Arts Instructor, who planned to attend the World Convention of Furniture Designers; ANN REESE, NORA STRAWN, and MARY STAFFORD, Parisian dress designers, who had attended a New York Fashion Show; and EMMETT HARRIS, Official in Coal Export Trade.

P S. The steward just told me that the Captain of the ship was JACK CHARLTON.

While in London I stayed at the Savoy Hotel, where DON HODGES is manager; I enjoyed the music of BILL FRANKLIN and his orchestra now being featured in the Royal Room. CONNIE WILSON, his singer, looked as lovely as ever.

I recognized the public stenographer of the Hotel, BONNIE MONTGOMERY, as she took dictation from BILL McCRAW, Sports Editor of the London Times. Guests in the hotel included: CHARLES THORNTON, President of a Foreign Car Company; LARRY WOOD, manager of a chain of grocery stores; ALICE and PHOEBE STURDIVANT, Instructors at London's School of Girls; RAYMOND SHELBURNE, Ambassador-at-Large for the United Nations, and his secretary, SHELBY SHOWALTER. JULIE MUNDIE was there to enter her horse in the Irish Sweepstakes. JOHN MILES was in London to attend the world premiere of his latest movie production. To cover the premiere for his American Paper was Press Photographer, KENNETH HARRIS. There to join her fiance, who is a doctor at a London hospital, was BONNIE WALKER. At the Piccadilly Hotel, I later saw MOLLY WHITT, interior decorator; JANICE BESS, Business Instructor at Oxford University; and DONNA HALL, dance instructor.

While visiting the Opera House of London, I chatted with JOHNNY ALFORD, who was the star performer of the evening, He told me of the amazing success of ANNE GOODWIN, international lawyer.

And now, Dear Diary, I am closing your pages on another interesting review of the lives of my classmates.

Memories

EDITORIAL STAFF OF THE OAK LEAF

ORGANIZATIONS

Student Cooperative Association

OFFICERS

President	Phillip Salyer
Vice-President	Sanford Jones
Secretary	Carol Huddle
Treasurer	Jean Arthur
Faculty Advisor	Miss Ruby Dobyns

First Row: Sonny Quesenberry, Bobby Caldwell, Raymond Shelburne, Carol Huddle, Phillip Salyer, Sanford Jones, Jean Arthur, Jimmy Graham, Charles Duncan, Bobby Graham. *Second Row*: Jack Charlton, Minnie Dean, Lois Lorton, Bettie Sue Siler, Ann Disney, Virginia Pelter, Connie Wilson, Dale Adkins, Nora Strawn, Esther Duncan, Bonnie Walker, Jean Arthur, Judy Tickle. *Third Row*: Howard Hill, Bill Gemmill, Johnny Jones, Mickey Runion, Danny Gilbert, Sonny Hoover, Bill King, Frank Grayson, Spud Howell, Jimmy Strawn.

Dear Diary . . . . . .

We, the students of Radford High School, are proud to have an active part in the Student Cooperative Association. This organization is the representative body of our school, and is composed of officers from home rooms, clubs, and organizations, elected by us. The S.C.A. strives to influence the school in such a way as to create complete co-operation between the students, faculty, and members of this community. Among the accomplishments of the S.C.A. this year: Homecoming Assembly, Parade, and Dance; Presentation of various assemblies; Special "Betterment of the School" Assembly; White Christmas for twenty needy families; Active part in Organization of District S.C.A.; Various drives for worthy causes.

Student Patrol

OFFICERS

President ..... Bob Caldwell
Faculty Advisor ..... Mr. G. C. Roberson

First Row: Janice Bess, Sonny Hoover, Johnny Jones, Bill King, Bobby Caldwell, Kenneth Hite, Richard McGuire, Jean Linkous. *Second Row*: Sponsor, Mr. Roberson, Jack Charlton, Jimmy Graham, Raymond Shelburne, Bobby Dudley, Sonny Quesenberry, Phil Salyer.

Dear Diary . . . . . .

The Student Patrol is an organization which strives to better our school. The presidency is a competitive office and other members are chosen from study hall. The chief duty of this group is to supervise the lunch periods, but they also promote safety, and work for the improvement and better appearance of our school. Although we may protest when we have to take our rightful place in the lunch line, actually we appreciate the order the Student Patrol gives our school.

Acorn Staff

OFFICERS

Editor-in-Chief	Raymond Shelburne
Sports Editor	Frank Grayson
Society Editor	Anne Goodwin
Feature Editor	Ann Reese
Exchange Editors	Joanna Hackman, Mary Stafford
Circulation Manager	Julie Mundie
Business Managers	Connie Wilson, Minnie Dean
Faculty Advisors	Mrs. Dale Dougherty, Miss Juanita Phillips

First Row: Dot Stafford, Denny Akers, Ruth Hammack, Connie Wilson, Raymond Shelburne, Minnie Dean, Betty Davis, Peggy Dean, Carol Huddle. *Second Row*: Jane Bradshaw, Johanna Craig, Ann Clark, Ann Reese, Joanna Hackman, Julie Mundie, Anne Goodwin, Mary Stafford, Betty Sue Fox. *Third Row*: Gayle Simpson, Frank Grayson, Billy Franklin, Joyce Matthews.

Dear Diary . . . . . .

We have been busy with assignments ranging from sports, dances, and gossip to original essays, jokes, and special articles. As our "reporters" found a new interest in journalism, they had a chance to express their views, to comment on the latest happenings, and to record significant events each month.

Oak Leaf Staff

OFFICERS

Editor-in-Chief ..... Charles Duncan
Assistant Editor ..... Bonnie Walker
Associate Editors ..... Nancy St. Clair, Sanford Jones
Business Managers ..... Bettie Sue Siler, Dale Adkins
Art Editors ..... Bettie Sue Siler, Phillip Salyer
Literary Editors ..... Nora Strawn, Jimmy Graham
Sports Editor ..... Bill King
Faculty Advisors ..... Mrs. Mary Ann Haislip, Mrs. C. L. Dodson

First Row (Seated): Nancy Tynes St. Clair, Sanford Jones, Bettie Sue Siler, Charles Duncan, Bonnie Walker, Dale Adkins. *Second Row*: Jimmy Graham, Carolyn DeHaven, Ann Disney, Mary Hite Grayson, Bobbie Cohen, Dot Siler, Nora Strawn, Phil Salyer. *Third Row*: Winfred Barton, Bobby Graham, Bill King, Bobby Dudley, Tommy Trigg, Sonny Speed.

Dear Diary . . . . . .

The 1955 OAK LEAF has kept us "busy as bees," but it has been a rewarding labor. Many hours were spent as we tried to make the annual a condensation of our life on the hill. We know some things are treasured because they have brought much pleasure, or because they represent something near to our hearts, and we believe that this OAK LEAF will keep the MEMORIES of another wonderful year alive.

Band

OFFICERS

President	Danny Gilbert
Vice-President	John Miles
Secretary-Treasurer	Joie Lee Young
Faulty Advisor	Mr. Tom Dobyns

Dear Diary . . . . . .

Another year of activity for the band! Not only did we play for civic clubs and organizations, our numerous football games, and the Shrine Game in Roanoke, but we also participated in parades, the District Festival, and the annual Spring Concert. Our director, Mr. Tom Dobyns, diligently led us in many sessions of practice which resulted in exceptionally good performances (we think!). We received several awards and placed five members in the All-State Band.

P. S. There were eighty-seven of us this year.

Beta Club

OFFICERS

President ..... Nora Strawn
Vice-President ..... Bettie Sue Siler
Secretary-Treasurer ..... Joanna Hackman
Faculty Advisors ..... Miss Allene Elkins, Mrs. Rubye Wade

Phillip Salyer, Joanna Hackman, Nora Strawn, Bettie Sue Siler

Dear Diary . . . . . .

The four of us were tapped as members of the Beta Club in March of our Junior year. Our small club does small things in a big way and each of us is proud to be a part of our high school organization. The R.H.S. Beta members are members of the National Beta Club, which is an organization of high school students who have been chosen because of outstanding leadership, scholarship, and service. In March we attended the State Convention in nearby Roanoke. The tapping ceremonies for our successors and new members also took place in March.

Debate Club

OFFICERS

President ..... Minnie Lee Dean
Vice-President ..... Anne Goodwin
Secretary ..... Bonnie Walker
Treasurer ..... Carol Huddle
Faculty Advisors ..... Mrs. Helen McKay, Mrs. W. B. Hatcher

Front Row, Left to Right: Carol Huddle, Minnie Lee Dean, Bonnie Walker, Peggy Dean. *Back Row, Left to Right*: Bobbie Cohen, Julie Mundie, Anne Goodwin, Carolyn DeHaven, Whit Davis, Phillip Salyer, Nancy St. Clair, Bettie Sue Siler, Lee Liverman, Doris Spencer.

Dear Diary . . . . . .

Much research to keep us well informed on our subject .....

Many hours of practice on speech deliveries .....

The acquisition of better techniques .....

have given us confidence that we will again capture State Group II Championship, as was done last year by our affirmative team, Carol Huddle and Anne Goodwin.

We are becoming an integral part of the family of R.H.S. clubs, although we are a comparatively new organization — three of our present members, Bonnie Walker, Bettie Sue Siler, and Minnie Lee Dean were charter members.

Dramatics Club

OFFICERS

President ..... Lois Lorton
Vice-President ..... Nancy St. Clair
Secretary-Treasurer ..... Mary Bob Wirt
Faculty Advisors ..... Mrs. Daphne Wall, Mrs. Helen McKay

First Row: Neva Morgan, Connie Wilson, Julie Mundie, Anne Goodwin, Shelby Gibson, Mary Bob Wirt, Lois Lorton, Nancy St. Clair, Esther Duncan, Bill King, Raymond Shelburne, Ruth Hammack, Bonnie Walker. *Second Row*: Patsy Jarrett, Shirley Hollins, Judy McKay, Doris Spencer, Lee Liverman, Linda Neal, Danny Gilbert, Robin Caldwell, Bucky Hagy, Bill Wall, Phillip Salyer, Kay Jones, Bonnie Sue Furrow, Carolyn DeHaven, Mary Hite Grayson, Pat Hurt, Jean Arthur, Anne Hughes, Carol Huddle, Minnie Lee Dean, Sharon Salyer, Harriet Shaner, Diane Osborne, Ann Disney, Betty Davis.

Dear Diary . . . . . .

We Thespians reached a new peak in experience and progress this year. We have given a number of plays, and sponsored a Soc Hop. The addition of a Dramatic class sparked new interest and gave us valuable experience in acting.

Diversified Occupations

OFFICERS

President ..... Howard Hill
Vice-President ..... James Dobbins
Secretary ..... Arlene Gaking
Treasurer ..... Jacque Meadows
Faculty Advisor ..... Mr. William B. Hatcher

Pictured in the D counter-clockwise: Howard Hill, James Dobbins, Arlene Gaking, Jacque Meadows, Emmett Harris, James Harless, Edna Dobbins, Billy Dobbins, Keith Denny, Wanda Cochran, Lloyd Bowman, James Blankenship. *Pictured in the O counter-clockwise*: Joyce Yearout, Charles Thornton, Franklin Thomas, Phyllis Sutphin, Hubert Perdue, John Miles, Rudolph McPeak, Ronald McDaniel, Ronnie Lawson, Willard Jones, Shirley Hartsock.

Dear Diary . . . . . .

We are lucky to have an organization that enables us to earn while we learn. We come to school half a day and devote the rest of our time to our work. Our employers co-operate closely with our versatile coordinator, Mr. W. B. Hatcher, and other teachers. The highlight of our social life is the D.O. Banquet, held this year February 17 at the Governor Tyler Hotel with Mr. W. W. Robinson as our guest speaker.

P. S. We're growing in number, too. There are 25 of us now.

Future Homemakers Of America

OFFICERS

President ..... Esther Duncan
Vice-President ..... Kay Hall
Secretary ..... Virginia Pelter
Treasurer ..... Dale Adkins
Reporter ..... Carol Huddle
Faculty Advisors ..... Miss Farah Rust, Miss Beth Jordan

First Row: Molly Whitt, Mary Ann Poole, Carol Dexter, Doris Thompson, Carolyn Gunter, Susanne Jett. *Second Row*: Shirley Hollins, Darlene Hamblin, Nancy Hamby, Rita Campbell, Ann Disney, Frances Brewer, Nancy Alls, Rita Bond, Kate Woods, Barbara DeHart, Betty Sue Fox. *Third Row*: Patsy Linkous, Lois Showalter, Nancy Tynes St. Clair, Betty Davis, Dotty Buckland, Nora Strawn, Betty Stewart. *Fourth Row*: Esther Duncan, Kay Hall, Virginia Pelter, Dale Adkins, Carol Huddle.

Dear Diary . . . . . .

This year we have really "cooked up" many projects: a float in the Homecoming parade, an assembly, a radio program, and we sent three members to the summer camp at Smithville, Va. We also entertained at a Christmas party, sponsored a square dance, and gave a Mother and Daughter party. Through such efforts as these, we are furthering our interest in, and knowledge of home economics, and will be better prepared to make our homes of tomorrow.

Girls' Athletic Association

OFFICERS

President ..... Virginia Pelter
Vice-President ..... Doris Spencer
Secretary-Treasurer ..... Mary Hite Grayson
Reporters ..... Joyce Matthews, Ruth Hammack
Manager ..... Doris Kesling
Faculty Advisors ..... Miss Mickey Clement, Miss Kitty Rogers

HEADS OF SPORTS

Field Hockey ..... Betty Thompson
Speedball ..... Bette Williams
Basketball ..... Mary Hite Grayson
Bobbie Cohen
Volleyball ..... Helen Midkiff
Softball ..... Janice Bess

Horseshoes ..... Jody Dobbins
Ping-Pong ..... Shelby Gibson
Shuffleboard ..... Connie Wilson
Tennis ..... Esther Duncan
Badminton ..... Ruth Hammack

Girls Glee Club

OFFICERS

President ..... Connie Wilson
Vice-President ..... Doris Spencer
Director ..... Mrs. Mary Alice Newberry
Accompanist ..... Sanford Jones

First Row: Bonnie Furrow, Patty Bird, Rita Campbell, Martha Shumate, Dotty Buckland, Judy Hall, Joan Sullivan, Nancy Murdock, Joyce Matthews, Kay Jones, Jerry Mostiler, Mary Hite Grayson, Mrs. Newberry, director. *Second Row*: Alice Young, Carol Copko, Jean Arthur, Carol Dexter, Phyllis Bennett, Auburn Spencer, Pat Hurt, Harriet Shaner, Connie Wilson, Lois Lorton, Ann Hughes, Flora Bishop, Carol Horton. *Third Row*: Helen Smith, Jean Arthur, Jane Bradshaw, Katherine Lawrence, Betty Hollandsworth, Helen Midkiff, Doris Spencer, Sanford Jones, Accompanist.

Dear Diary . . . . . .

We 36 members of the R.H.S. Glee Club, under the direction of Mrs. Mary Alice Newberry, have participated in numerous and varied programs this year. Among those have been performances for assemblies, civic clubs, religious groups, the Christmas Pageant, and the annual District Festival. We entered a float in the Homecoming Parade, and climaxed the year with a spring concert in May. Connie Wilson and Sanford Jones represented us at All-State Chorus in Roanoke.

Key Club

OFFICERS

President ..... Bill King
Vice-President ..... Bobby Dudley
Secretary-Treasurer ..... Sanford Jones
Faculty Advisor ..... Mr. Jimmy Painter

Bill King, Charles Duncan, Kenneth Hite, Dick McGuire, Bobby Caldwell, Raymond Shelburne, Bill Wall, Bobby Dudley, Mickey Runion, Danny Gilbert, Denny Akers, Gerald Roberts, Sanford Jones, Phillip Salyer, John A. Williams, Jack Charlton, Johnny Alford, Spud Howell, Bill Morrow, Winfred Barton, Michael Ripley, Billy McCraw, Don Hodges, Bobby Asbury, Sonny Hoover, Sonny Quesenberry, Buck Hagy, Whit Davis, Johnny Jones, Frank Grayson, Bobby Graham, Jimmy Graham, Mr. Painter.

Dear Diary . . . . . .

We "Key Clubbers" are part of an international group of high school boys who are trying to prepare themselves as the leaders of tomorrow. Some of our activities during the year have been: working with the Kiwanians in the Kids' Day program, sponsoring Midget basketball teams, sponsoring a square dance, and sending delegates to the District, State, and International Conventions.

Language Club

OFFICERS

President ..... Ann Reese
Vice-President ..... Robin Caldwell
Secretary-Treasurer ..... Kay Jones
Faculty Advisors ..... Miss Allene Elkins, Mrs. Frank Meador

First Row: Kay Hall, Julie Mundie, Betty Davis, Lewis Semones, Robin Caldwell, Ann Reese, Kay Jones, Mary Hite Grayson, Bobbie Cohen, Jean Arthur, Peggy Dean, Barbara Weaver. *Second Row*: Billy Jordan, Bonnie Furrow, Ann Roane, Mary Sue Hodges, Joyce Matthews, Betty Osborne, Dot Siler, Carolyn DeHaven, Beth Woods, JoAnne Arnold, Betty Thompson, Nora Strawn, Joanna Hackman, Sharon Salyer, Diane Osborne, Sonna Sue Carpenter. *Third Row*: Martha Shumate, Terry Bain, Jimmie Strawn, Mickey Runion, Tommy Kent, Tommy Trigg, Frank Grayson, Spud Howell, Pat Hurt, Jean Arthur, Harriet Shaner, Janet Lovern.

Dear Diary . . . . . .

We "Latins, Spaniards, and Frenchmen" are becoming more aware of the value of foreign languages, and are furthering our appreciation of them through study, various class projects, and club work. Our activities have included entering a float in the Homecoming Parade, initiating new members, presenting an assembly, and sponsoring a social this spring.

Science Club

OFFICERS

President ..... Bettie Sue Siler
Vice-President ..... Betty Thompson
Secretary ..... Nora Strawn
Treasurer ..... Mary Stafford
Faculty Advisors ..... Mr. Frank Morgan, Miss Mae Jennings

First Row: Gayle Simpson, Johanna Craig, Joanne Arnold, Mary Stafford, Bettie Sue Siler, Betty Thompson, Nora Strawn, Carol Huddle, Jean Arthur, Joyce Matthews. *Second Row*: Lee Liverman, Pat Hurt, Dot Stafford, Jimmie Strawn, Joanna Hackman, Tommy Kent, John Ripley, Julie Mundie, Betty Osborne. *Third Row*: Eddie Cord, Lawrence Sutton, Tommy Trigg, Terry Bain, Charles Duncan.

Dear Diary . . . . . .

We of the "scientific world" have been trying to participate in activities which will promote interest in science. We went to Woodrum Field in Roanoke to the U. S. Weather Bureau — nice trip! We sponsored a square dance . . . to raise money for our trips this spring (Science Open House and Junior Academy of Science meetings). We plan to take part in the Regional Science Fair sponsored by the Roanoke Times-World News (we hope to place in State Convention competition this year).

OFFICERS

President ..... Sonny Quesenberry
Vice-President ..... Whit Davis
Secretary-Treasurer ..... Hubert Matney
Faculty Advisors ..... Mr. Jimmy Painter, Mr. R. T. Farnsworth

VARSITY CLUB

Left to Right: Mr. Painter, Johnny Jones, Benny Ridpath, Charles Duncan, Phil Salyer, Whit Davis, Kenneth Hite, Albert Tolley, Gerald Roberts, Russell Mantz, Bill King, Mr. Farnsworth, Sonny Quesenberry, Raymond Shelburne, Danny Gilbert, Sonny Hoover.

Dear Diary . . . . . .

We have 14 members in our Varsity Club this year. These members are boys who have lettered in one of the major sports at Radford High School.

The chief projects this year were the Sadie Hawkins Day Dance, and a steak fry limited to the boys of the club and their dates.

We Hereby Bequeath

To Mr. Gibson—quiet halls and smoke-free wash rooms.
To Mrs. Shumate—our thanks for filling out many, many college transcripts and blue tardy slips; also several newly sharpened pencils.
To Mrs. Wade—our English notes, in hopes they will aid the Seniors next year.
To Mrs. Hatcher—our term papers and several red pencils.
To Miss Phillips—what's left of her blue Chevrolet after we have finished using it.
To Mrs. Haislip—the left-over annual pictures.
To the Juniors—our front seats in assembly and all our other "senior privileges."
To all the members of the faculty—our grateful thanks for your loyalty, your help, and your kindness to us for the past five years.
To all students—our locker decorations, pencil stubs, well-used books, chewing gum papers, love notes, and the steps—to be climbed every day.

JOHN ALFORD leaves to finish assembling his hot rods.
JIMMY BISHOP leaves his special courting locker to Bobby "Mouse" Cox.
LLOYD BOWMAN leaves his ability to gain weight to R. T. Simpson.
BOBBY CALDWELL leaves his slightly used plug of tobacco to Posie Amos.
JACK CHARLTON leaves his empty gas tank to Bill Wall.
WHIT DAVIS leaves his good looks to Jimmie Poe.
JAMES DOBBINS leaves his stylish clothes to Noel Mitchell.
CHARLES DUNCAN leaves his women worries to Frank Grayson.
BILL FRANKLIN leaves his "Kat" clothes to Eddie Cord.
DANNY GILBERT leaves his love for girls to Bobby Graham.
JIMMY GRAHAM leaves his leadership ability to Sanford Jones.
EMMETT HARRIS leaves his desire to skip school to Benny Ridpath.
KENNETH HARRIS leaves his quiet ways to Bill Jordan.
HOWARD HILL leaves the D.O. presidency to the lucky person elected next year.
DON HODGES leaves his gray trousers with the yellow buttons to Mickey Runion.
WILLARD JONES leaves his "excellent" study habits to Luther Conner.
BILL KING leaves his special parking place to Paul Bird, but takes Anne with him.
HUBERT MATNEY leaves his E's in English to Keith Denny.
BILL McCRAW leaves his crew cut to Rudy McPeake.
RONALD McDANIEL leaves his quietness to Johnny Jones.
RICHARD McGUIRE leaves his soft voice to Albert Tolley.
JAMES MILES leaves his basketball ability to Randy Phillips.
JOHN MILES leaves his fascinating jokes to Robin Caldwell.
BILL MORROW leaves his "battle fatigue" to Terry McCraw.
PHILLIP SALYER leaves his love for a pretty face to Leonard Cochran.
RAYMOND SHELBURNE leaves his many beautiful women to Rodney Umberger.
CHARLES THORNTON takes his 88 Oldsmobile with him.
CARL WHITT leaves his interest in electronics to Johnny Browning.
LARRY WOOD leaves his love for student teachers to Joe Davis.
DALE ADKINS leaves the thrill of being football queen to the girl elected next year.
NANCY ALLS leaves her love of sports to Doris Kesling.
ELEANOR BESS leaves her knowledge of the Radford Community Hospital to Betty Thompson.
JANICE BESS leaves her GAA ability to Ruth Hammack.
MINNIE LEE DEAN leaves her ability to make friends to "Hoot" Gibson.
EDNA DOBBINS leaves her carefree manner to Jerry Duncan.
ESTHER DUNCAN leaves her love of fun to Carolyn DeHaven.
ARLENE GAKING leaves — to join her husband.
ANNE GOODWIN leaves her ability to graduate in three years to anyone who has nerve enough to try it.
JOANNA HACKMAN leaves her mice to Miss Jennings.
BETTY JO HAISLIP leaves her baton to Teeny Mannon.
DONNA FAYE HALL leaves her boot tassels to Charlotte Hall.
NANCY HAMBY leaves *all* her love letters to Gerald Roberts.
SHIRLEY HARTSOCK leaves the twinkle in her eyes to Betty Davis.
SHIRLEY HOLLINS leaves her ability to yell to Phyllis Sutphin.
JEAN LINKOUS leaves her Saturday night escapades to Bette Williams.
LOIS LORTON leaves her charming ways to Ann Disney.
JACQUE MEADOWS leaves her nursing ability to Joan Sullivan.
HELEN MIDKIFF leaves her love for the South to Kate Woods.
JULIE MUNDIE leaves the old, old lunch to locker No. 68 — where it will rest in peace.
VIRGINIA PELTER leaves her little-girl voice to Jody Dobbins.
SHELBY GIBSON leaves — simply to be with Jerry.
ANN REESE leaves her "Date Bureau" to Rita Campbell.
ANN ROANE leaves her ability to enjoy poetry to Joie Young.
SHELBY SHOWALTER leaves her neatness to Ann Clark.
MARY STAFFORD leaves her dimples to Mary Hite Grayson.
BETTIE SUE SILER leaves her splendid record at RHS to Larry Buchanan.
NORA STRAWN leaves her sweet disposition to Neva Morgan.
ALICE AND PHOEBE STURDIVANT leave their ability to confuse their teachers to Carol and Carolene Holliday.
PAT SURRETT leaves her ability to take teasing to "Tynes" St. Clair.
EUNA VIERS leaves her blond hair to Dotty Buckland.
BONNIE WALKER leaves — for V.M.I.
MOLLIE WHITT leaves her ability to find dates to Betty Sue Fox.
CONNIE WILSON leaves her singing ability to "Sweet Pea" Saul.

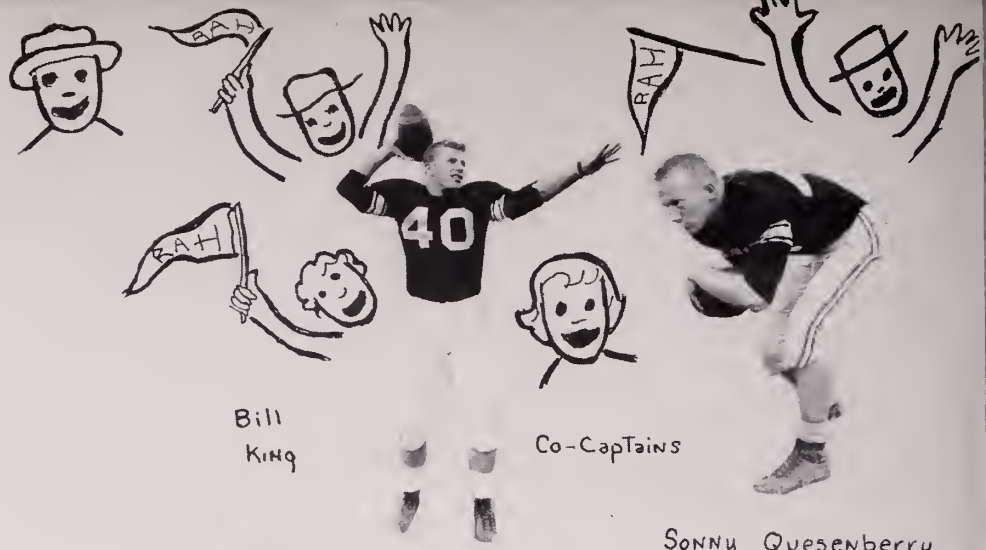
Memories

GOVERNOR OF GIRLS STATE

ALL AMERICAN

SPORTS AND ACTIVITIES

Coaches Painter and Farnsworth



Bill King

Co-Captains

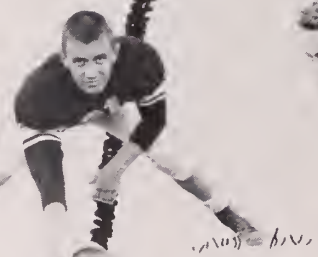
Sonny Quesenberry

Gerald Roberts

Bill Wall

John A. Williams

Terry McCraw

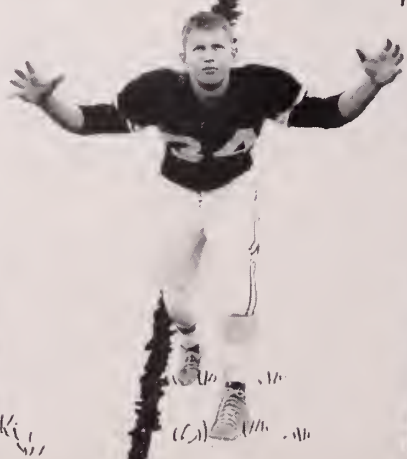


Bobby Dudley

Bobby Alderman

Tommy Mannon

Johnny Alford



B. K. Shumate

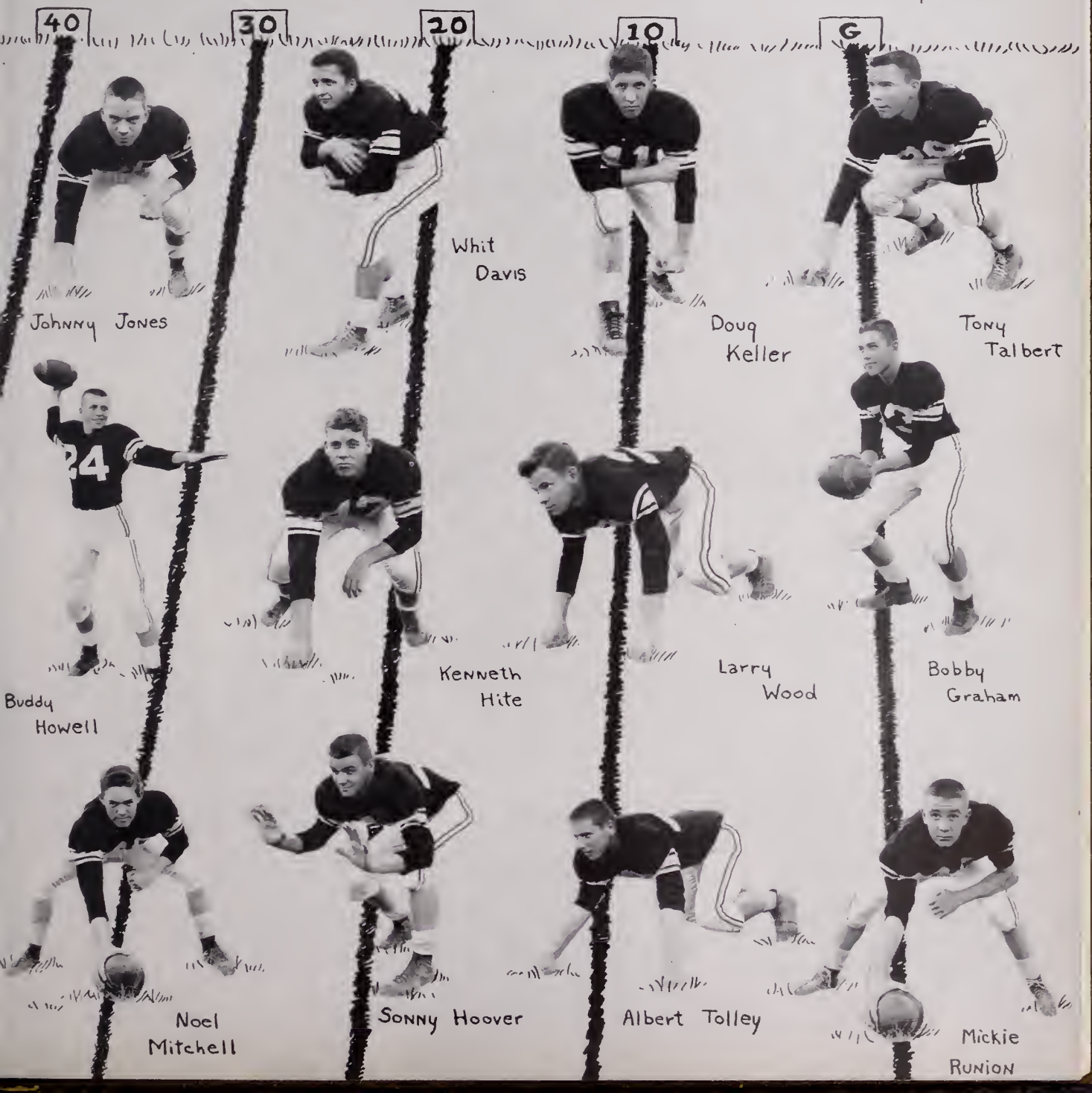
Rodney Umberger

Phillip Salyer

Raymond Shelburne

Dickie Franklin

Billy McCraw



Johnny Jones

Whit Davis

Doug Keller

Tony Talbert

Buddy Howell

Kenneth Hite

Larry Wood

Bobby Graham

Noel Mitchell

Sonny Hoover

Albert Tolley

Mickie Runion

Varsity Football

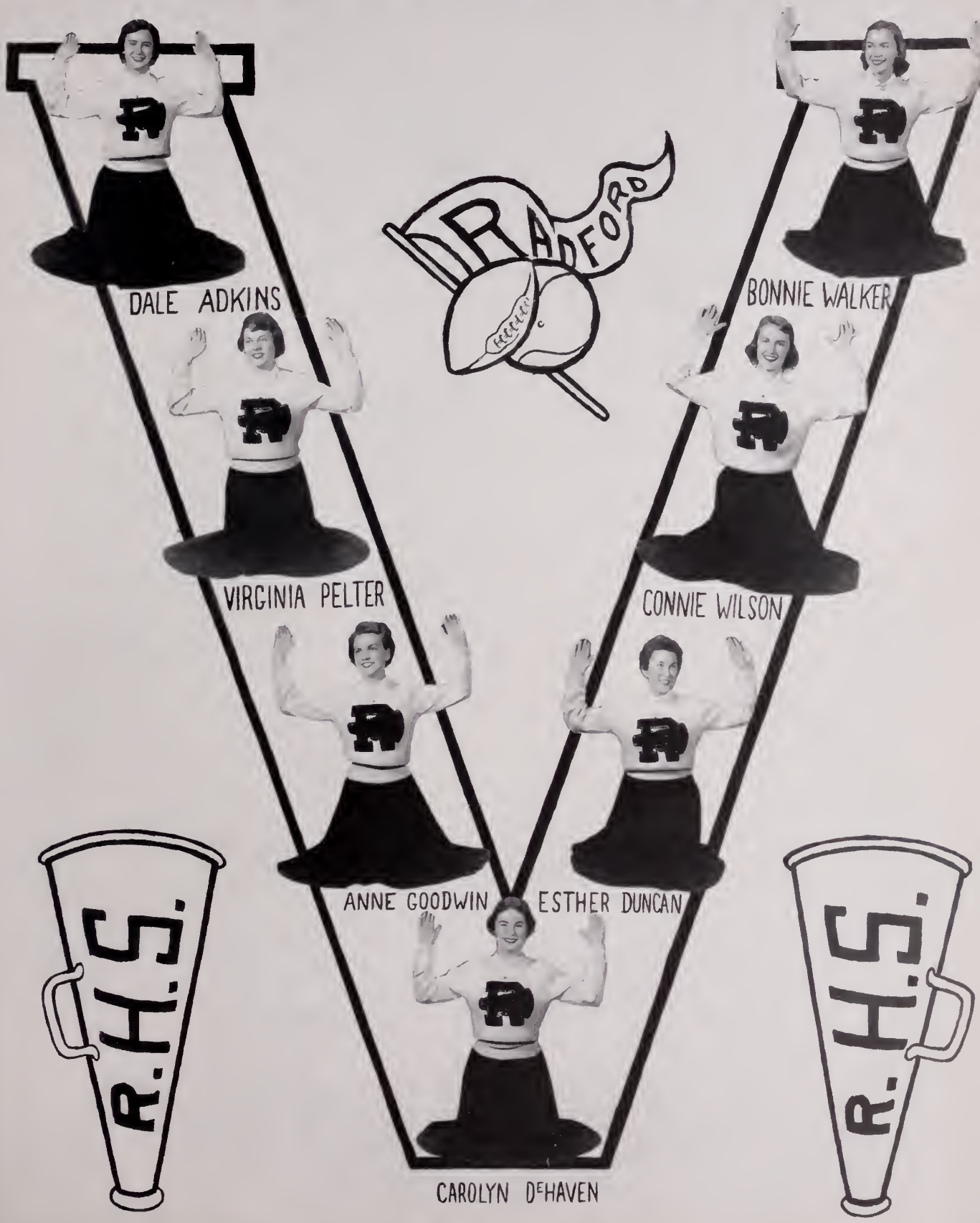
CO-CAPTAINS

Sonny Quesenberry			Bill King		
We		*They*	*We*		*They*
26	Narrows	0	20	Wytheville	6
34	Blacksburg	14	12	William Byrd	7
32	Pembroke	0	13	Martinsville	13
26	Dublin	6	27	Pearisburg	13
28	Pulaski	6	48	Christiansburg	12

Dear Diary . . . . . .

November 12th was a date never to be forgotten in the memories of every student at R.H.S. It was on this night that the "Bobcats," under the capable leadership of Coaches Painter and Farnsworth, established the first undefeated season in the school's history. Throughout the entire season, the boys worked with high spirits, and the never-ending desire to win. It was through our coaches' great efforts, the support of our student body, and the determination of each individual that we had the best season in our present memories.

CHEERLEADERS



J. V. Basketball

We		They	We		They
65	Wm. Byrd	33	50	Pulaski	24
47	Jefferson	57	68	Christiansburg	37
56	Pearisburg	25	43	Wm. Byrd	48
69	Floyd	33	49	Martinsville	70
50	Blacksburg	29	49	Narrows	53
42	Floyd	29	60	Blacksburg	49
54	Narrows	38	69	Pulaski	28
59	Christiansburg	36	38	Pearisburg	36
42	Martinsville	45	31	Wm. Fleming	54
38	Wm. Fleming	35			

First Row: Louis Kent, Frank Meador, Mac Harkrader, Billy Kiser, Tommy Kent, Sonny Helvey, Bobby Woodward, Bobby Cox. *Second Row*: Randy Phillips, Bobby Harris, Eddie Williams, Posie Amos, Rodney Umberger, Spud Howell, Jack Neal. *Standing*: Gerald Roberts, W. C. Ratcliffe, Wade Burleson, Terry Bain, Sanford Jones, Mickey Runion. Bobby Asbury, Bobby Alls, Coach Jimmy Painter.

Dear Diary . . . . . .

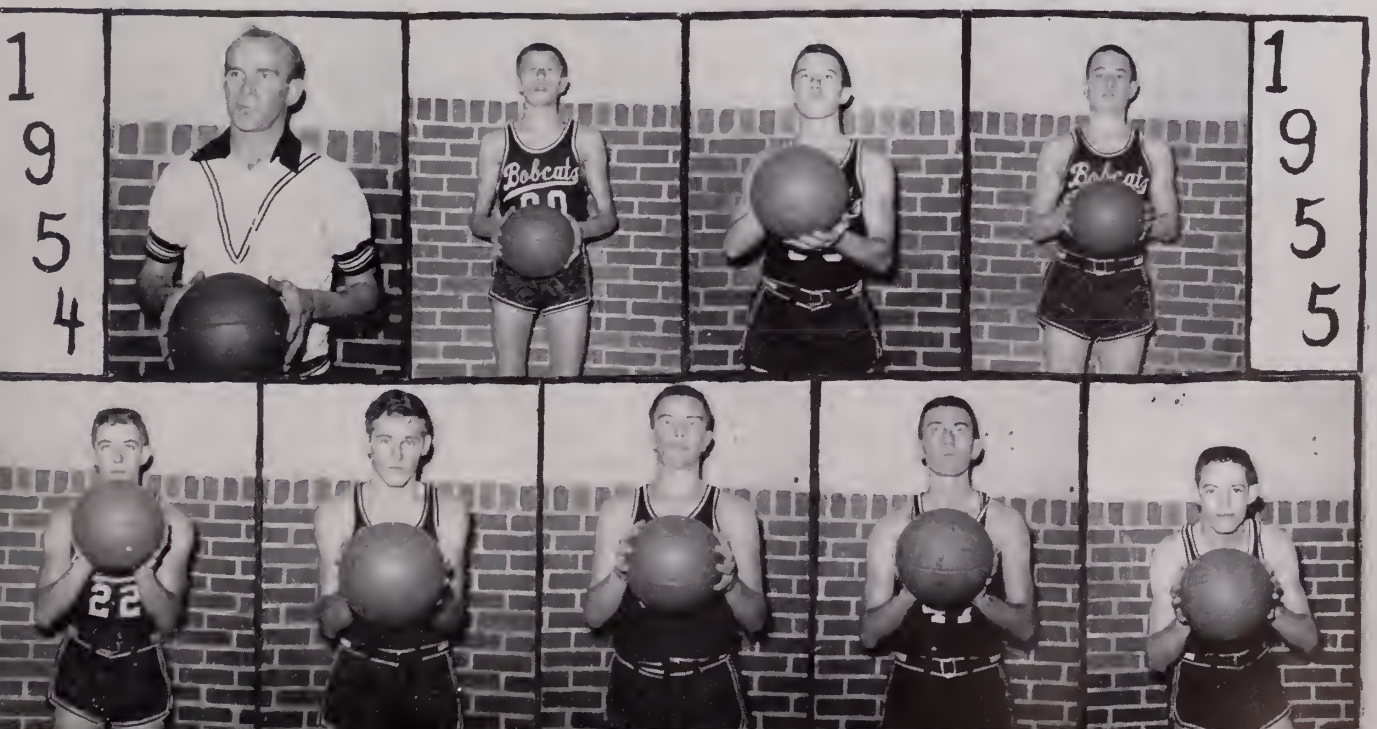
The J.V. Basketball team enjoyed a very successful season with thirteen wins and five losses, under the most capable leadership of Captain Frank Grayson. The entire team worked with tenacity of purpose, for they realized that upon them depends the future teams of Radford High.

Basketball

WE	TEAM RECORD	THEY
41	Wm. Byrd	45
56	Jefferson	78
62	Pearisburg	49
80	Floyd	74
34	Blacksburg	47
75	Floyd	54
45	Narrows	33
56	Christiansburg	48
45	Martinsville	50
46	Fleming	62
32	Pulaski	34
62	Christiansburg	51
52	Wm. Byrd	65
41	Martinsville	81
66	Narrows	76
50	Blacksburg	53
71	Pulaski	51
51	Pearisburg	50
52	Fleming	86

Pictured:

Coach Roberson, Gibson, Umberger, Grayson
Graham, Browning, Talbert, Dudley, Mitchell



Boys' Intramural Sports

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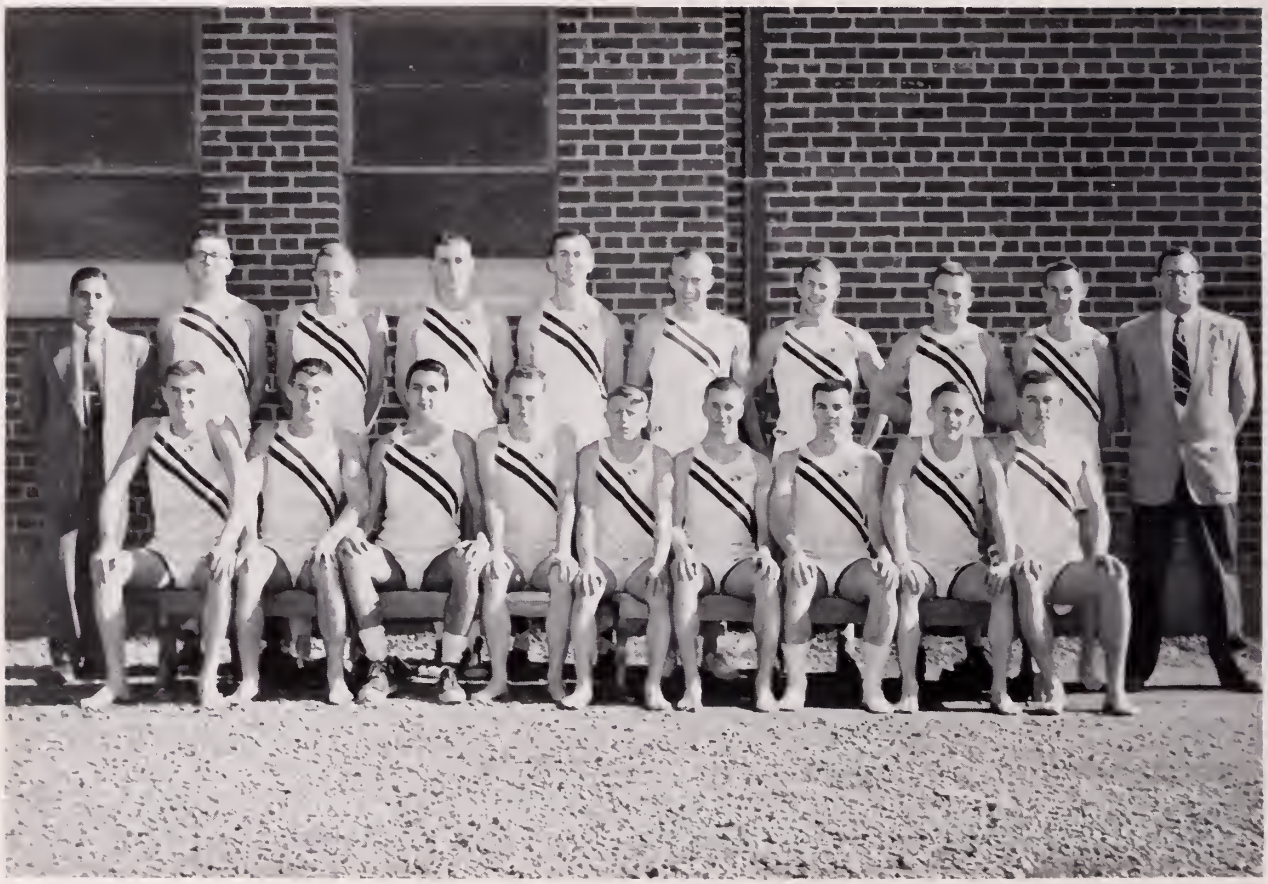
1. Upper Class Volleyball — 6th Period, 1954
2. Eighth Grade Softball Champs — 3rd Period, 1954
3. Upper Class Softball Champs — 1st Period, 1954
4. Upper Class Football Champs — 1st Period, 1955
5. Upper Class Basketball Champs — 5th Period, 1955
6. Winners of Individual Sports, 1954: Whit Davis, Upper Class horseshoe champ; Bill McCraw and Eugene Loving, double horseshoe champs; Posie Amos, Eighth Grade horseshoe champ; W. C. Ratcliffe, Eighth Grade foul shooting champ; Frank Grayson, Upper Class foul shooting champ.
7. Eighth Grade Volleyball Champs — 2nd Period, 1954

Girls' Intramural Sports

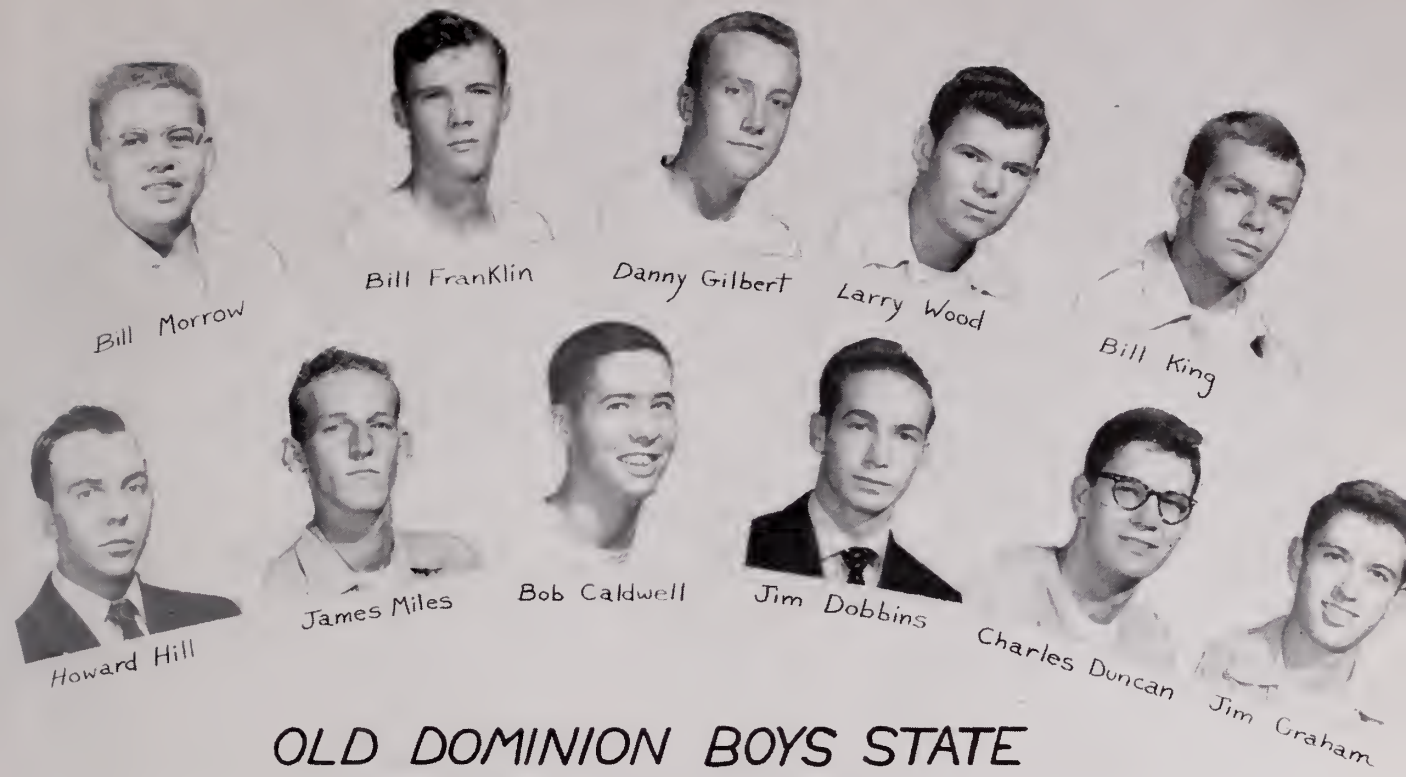
1. Speed Ball Champs — 4th Period (Upper Class)
2. Field Hockey Champs — 5th Period (Upper Class)
3. Upper Class Basketball Champs — "Terriers"
4. Ping Pong Champ — Upper Class — Judy Hall
5. Manager of G.A.A. — Doris Kesling
6. Eighth Grade Basketball Champs
7. Gearin' Up
8. Runner-up Field Hockey — 4th Period

The Track Team 1953-1954



Dear Diary . . . . . .

Our track team enjoyed an average season with double victories over Andrew Lewis and Blacksburg. A single victory was posted over William Byrd, with losses to William Fleming and Group I George Washington of Danville. Radford finished a close third in the district track meet, with the following boys winning first and second in their events: Whit Davis, first in the 220-yard dash; Sonny Quesenberry, first in the discus; Pete Moore broke the district pole vault record with an 11-foot jump; Meredith Stanley, second in the mile; and Raymond Shelburne, first in the high jump. These boys took part in the State Track Meet at Charlottesville. Lost by graduation are such boys as: Pete Moore, Denny Hammack, Meredith Stanley, Willie Ashley, Jerry Gibson, Bobby Buckland, and Sammy Turner.



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Dramatics Club 10; F.H.A. 10, 11, 12; G.A.A. 9, 10, 11, 12.

ELEANOR GRAY BESS

G.A.A. 8, 9, 10.

JANICE TRULA BESS

G.A.A. 8, 9, 10, 11, 12; F.H.A. 9, 10; Student Patrol 12.

JIM DONALD BISHOP

"Jim"

LLOYD DENVER BOWMAN

D.O. Club 11, 12.

ROBERT MILTON CALDWELL

President of 8th Grade; Secretary of 10th Grade; Key Club 10, 11, 12; S.C.A. 8, 9, 10, 11, 12; Old Dominion Boys State 12; President of Student Patrol 12; Language Club 9.

JOHN EWING CHARLTON

Band 8, 9; Student Patrol 11, 12; Key Club 12; S.C.A. 12.

EDWARD WHITMAN DAVIS

Debate Club 11, 12; Homecoming King 12; Varsity Club 10, 11, 12; Varsity Football 10, 11, 12; Track 11, 12; State Track Meet 11; Key Club 11, 12; Boys' Glee Club 11; Language Club 9, 10.

MINNIE LEE DEAN

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EDNA MARIE DOBBINS

D.O. Club 12; G.A.A. 8, 9, 10.

JAMES FREDERICK DOBBINS

Student Patrol 9, 10; Old Dominion Boys State 12; D.O. Club 11, 12, Vice-President 12.

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Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Key Club 11, 12; Varsity Club 11, 12; Science Club 9, 10, 11, 12; Language Club 9, 10; Oak Leaf Staff 11, 12, Editor 12; Vice-President of Senior Class 12; All-State Band 11, 12; Old Dominion Boys State 12; Delegate to S.C.A. Convention 11; S.C.A. 9, 10, 11, 12.

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Virginia Girls State 12; F.H.A. 9, 10, 11, 12, Vice-President 11, President 12; Dramatics Club 10, 11, 12; Language Club 11, 12; Student Patrol 10; Cheerleader 12; Head of Sports 11; S.C.A. 12; G.A.A. 9, 10, 11, 12.

WILLIAM AUSTIN FRANKLIN

Old Dominion Boys State 12; Band 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, Assistant Drum Major 11, Drum Major 12; Mixed Chorus 12; All-State Band 10, 11, 12.

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ANNE ELIZABETH GOODWIN

Cheerleader 12; Language Club 9, 10, 11, 12; Dramatics Club 9, 10, 11, 12; Debate Club 9, 10, 11, 12; State Debate Champion 10; G.A.A. 8, 9, 10, 11, 12; Glee Club 9, 10; Acorn Staff 10, 11, 12; Treasurer of S.C.A. 9; District One-Act Play 10.

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DANNY DALTON GILBERT

Band 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, President 12; Dramatics Club 10, 11, 12; Language Club 10, 11; Varsity Club 10, 11, 12; Key Club 12; All-State Band 11, 12; Old Dominion Boys State 12; S.C.A. 11, 12; Student Patrol 10; One-Act Play 10, 11, 12.

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JOANNA HACKMAN

Vice-President of Class 11; Science Club 9, 10, 11, 12, Secretary 11; Beta Club 11, 12, Secretary-Treasurer 12; All-State Chorus 9; Virginia Girls State 11; State and National Science Winner 11, 12; G.A.A. 8, 9, 10, 11, 12; Language Club 9, 10, 11, 12; Dramatics Club 9, 10, 11; Acorn Staff 10, 11, 12; Glee Club 9, 10, 11; WRAD Newscaster 12.

BETTY JO HAISLIP

G.A.A. 8, 9, 10, 11, 12; Majorette 9, 10, 11, 12, Head Majorette 12; S.C.A. 12; Band 8, 9, 10, 11, 12; Virginia Girls State 12.

DONNA FAYE HALL

Band 8, 9, 10, 11, 12; Majorette 11, 12; All-State Band 11; G.A.A. 8, 9, 10, 11, 12.

NANCY CHARLENE HAMBY

F.H.A. 10, 11, 12; G.A.A. 8, 9, 10, 11, 12.

EMMETT LAWRENCE HARRIS

D.O. Club 11, 12.

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D.O. Club 11, 12.

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RONALD JOSEPH MCDANIEL
D.O. Club 12.

RICHARD NUEL MCGUIRE
Key Club 11, 12; Student Patrol 12.

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JACQUE MARIE MEADOWS
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HELEN GREY MIDKIFF
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JAMES DANIEL MILES
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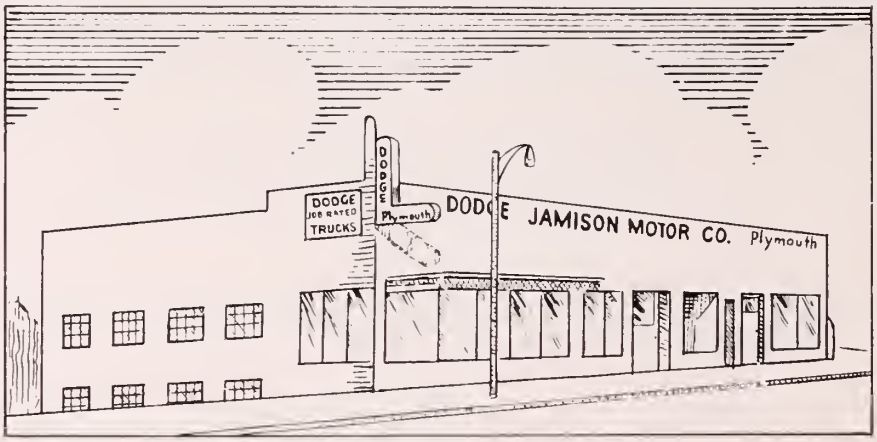

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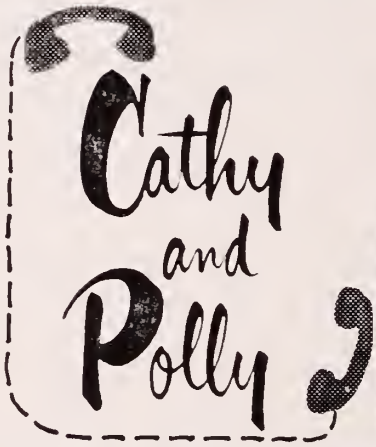

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